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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN INQUIRY

REF: (A) COLOMBO 1471, (B) STATE 77071, (C) STATE 094005

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS, EMBASSY INFORMED BY SAM POPHAM THAT INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT PRESENTLY REVIEWING HIS TAX FILE. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO INDICATION FROM INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT THAT PROBLEMS HAVE DEVELOPED CONCERNING POPHAM'S TAX LIABILITY. ATTEMPTS BY EMBASSY TO REACH INLAND REVENUE OFFICIAL HANDLING POPHAM'S CASE UNSUCCESSFUL SINCE OFFICIAL ON LEAVE DURING LOCAL HOLIDAY SEASON. AS NO ADVERSE INFO RECEIVED, EMBASSY CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT DELAY IN CLOSING OUT POPHAM'S TAX FILE HAS BEEN CAUSED BY CLOSURE OF ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING APRIL AND MAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

2. AS REGARDS TAX LIABILITY QUOTED BY TURQUAND YOUNGS IN AMOUNT 402,661 RUPEES, EMBASSY RELUCTANT TO VERIFY THIS FIGURE WITH INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, AS THIS MAY PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND WOULD PRECIPITATE QUESTIONS FROM INLAND REVENUE AS TO OUR REASONS FOR REQUESTING SUCH INFORMATION ON A TAX CASE WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY TAX EXEMPT.

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3. SINCE EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY ADVERSE INFORMATION ON POPHAM'S TAX LIABILITY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SMITHSONIAN FORGO SENDING ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL UNTIL A DEFINITE PROBLEM EXISTS.

4. EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS ASAP.
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